

COLLOQUIUM IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR DR. KURT VOGEL

On November 23, 1978, at the Mathematical Institut of the University of Munich, a special colloquium in honor of Professor Dr. Vogel's 90th Birthday was held. Following introductory remarks by Professor Dr. Jürgen Batt, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics, and greetings from Professor Dr. Helmuth Gericke and Professor Dr. Ivo Schneider, the major address was given by Professor Dr. Christoph Scriba: "Vom Vogelkauf und anderen Aufgaben--aus der Geschichte der unbestimmten Probleme." Following the colloquium, a reception was held at the Ratskeller in Marienplatz. The evening was jointly sponsored by the *Forschungsinstitut des Deutschen Museums München*, and by the *Fachbereich Mathematik der Universität München*.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS

At the Annual General Meeting of the British Association for the History of Mathematics, which was held on December 20, 1978, Dr. J. Pepper of North East London Polytechnic spoke on *Thomas Harriot's Numerical Methods*, and Dr. F. Smithies of Cambridge University spoke on *The Early History of Cauchy's Formula*.

HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

The 19th Summer Research Institute of the Australian Mathematical Society was held at Macquarie University from January 15, to February 9, 1979. About 250 mathematicians attended from Australia, New Zealand and Papua-New Guinea, together with several invited speakers from France, Canada and the U.S.A. For the first time the Institute included a section on the History of Mathematics (during the first fortnight) and many delegates attended that section, where the following lectures were given: Mr. William F. Hawkins (University of Auckland): *The development of trigonometry in Europe from Regiomontanus to Vieta & John Napier, and John Napier (1550-1617) - The Great Scot*; Mr. John Clark (Balararat C.A.E.): *Poisson's contribution to the quantification of electrostatics & magnetism*; Dr. John Pottage (University of Melbourne): *The study and teaching of the history of mathematics*; Mr. D.P. Fearnley-Sander (University of Tasmania): *Mathematical Work of Hermann Grassman*; Mr. Ken Ozanne (N.W.S.I.T.): *A unique course in the history of mathematics*; Prof. John Crossley (Monash University): *The natural numbers, and History as a tool in research*; Mr. Garry J. Tee (University of Auckland): *The early women mathematicians*; Dr. John Glass (University of Sydney): *Invariant theory before Hilbert, and The influence of Hilbert*